(c) the mode of repayment of the assistance received from the Consortium and other international finance institutions with the debt burden in the coming years in relation to the expected output?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) It is proposed to modernise Burnpur Works of IISCO with the help of Japanese Steel Companies at an estimated cost of about Rs. 2930 crores. (Third Quarter 1986 prices). The salient features of the proposed modernisation scheme are as follows:—

(i) manpower productivity of liquid steel would increase from existing 24 tonnes|man|year to 152 tonnes|man|year;

(ii) rated capacity of production would increase from 1 MTPA to 2.15 MTPA of crude steel;

(iii) blast furnace productivity would increase from 0.71 tonnes per cubic meter per day to 1.41 tonnes per cubic meter per day;

(iv) coke consumption rate would be reduced from 1056 kg per tonne of crude steel to 589 kg. tonne of crude steel; and

(v) energy consumption would be brought down from 13.76|G.cal|tonne to 7.72 G. cal|tonne.

(b) and (c) The quantum and the modalities of external assistance for implementation of the scheme are yet to be finalised. The final cost and its impact on the production would be worked out only after the process of negotiations with the Japanese authorities and steel companies is over.

Status of Agriculture to Poultry Sector

1117. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) which State Governments have implemented the directive of the Central Government that poultry sector should be accorded the status of Agriculture;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to take any action to get those States, who have not yet implemented this directive, to do so; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to have any time schedule within which all the States should accord the status of Agriculture to poultry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The State Governments of Assam, Tripura, Mizoram and Union Territory Administration of Andaman and Nicobar have agreed to treat poultry farming for production of eggs and treat poultry at par with agriculture for the purpose of electric tariff, labour and land laws, institutional financing, sales tax, Octroi etc.

(b) The State/Union Territory Governments are being pursuaded.

(c) Since this is a State subject, no time schedule can be fixed.

Approval of T.V. serials

1118. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of serials which have been approved for screening by Doordarshan during 1986, 1987 and 1988;

(b) the number of applications pending for approval;

(c) the procedure for selecting these serials; and

(d) whether Government propose to streamline the system for selection of serials by appointing a committee of experts qualified in their special fields, so that merit and quality are the only criteria for selection?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The number of serials approved for telecast during 1986, 1987 and 1988 are 16, 46 and 27 respectively.